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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 5, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980109

For approval of tariff revisions
to create a Value Added Service
Package

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE AND INVITING COMMENTS

On July 6, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") filed tariff revisions to §§ 3 and 21 of its General Services Tariff, SCC Va. No. 203, with a proposed effective date of August 5, 1998. In response to this tariff filing, on July 23, 1998, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. filed its Motion to Reject or Suspend and Investigate ("AT&T Motion"). In addition, on July 24, 1998, the Staff filed its Motion to Prescribe Notice and Invite Comments ("Staff Motion").

Having considered BA-VA's proposed tariff revisions, the AT&T Motion, and the Staff Motion, the Commission has determined that the price reductions may take effect pursuant to § 56-40 of the Code of Virginia, but BA-VA's proposed condition that customers subscribing to the "Big Deal" package must retain BA-VA as their intraLATA toll provider needs investigating.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980109.

(2) The price reductions proposed in BA-VA's tariff filings of July 6, 1998, may take effect on August 5, 1998, as proposed.

(3) BA-VA shall notify its customers concerning the proposed condition placed upon the "Big Deal" subscribers by publishing, on one occasion, in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Commonwealth, a notice as follows:

NOTICE OF TARIFF CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA FOR CUSTOMERS CHOOSING ITS "BIG DEAL" SERVICE PACKAGE.

On July 6, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia Inc., ("BA-VA") filed tariff revisions with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") which would allow a package of services to be offered at \$17.99 per month. The package is known as the "Big Deal" and would allow customers, for that fixed price, to subscribe to Caller ID Deluxe, Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, Return Call, Easy Voice, Speed Calling 30, Ultra Forward, Intercom Extra, Indenta Ring, Three-Way Calling, Repeat Call and Call Block. For many BA-VA customers, the package represents a price reduction and the SCC is allowing the reductions to take effect, August 5, 1998, as proposed.

The tariff revisions also contain a provision that customers who subscribe to the "Big Deal" package at the \$17.99 monthly rate must retain BA-VA as their intraLATA toll service provider. Customers that choose another provider will lose that discounted price. The SCC is investigating whether to allow the condition that

customers retain BA-VA as their "1+"
intraLATA toll provider.

Comments concerning that condition and whether to allow it are invited on or before September 8, 1998. Such comments and any requests for an evidentiary hearing should be addressed to the Clerk of Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC980109.

Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.

(4) If no substantive requests for an evidentiary hearing are received, the Commission may enter an order resolving this matter based upon the pleadings received. If a substantive request for an evidentiary hearing is received, the Commission may schedule such a hearing and notify all parties who have submitted comments.

(5) Comments concerning the proposed condition may be filed with the Clerk on or before September 8, 1998.

(6) On or before September 8, 1998, BA-VA shall file proof of publication as prescribed in paragraph (3) above.